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TOKYO PASS MINISTER JURICH FROM PHELAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: TEXTILES-MFA

REF: A. TOKYO 14687

B. GENEVA 6830

C. SEOUL 7300

D. GENEVA 6709

1. STATEMENT ON US-JAPAN AGREEMENT FILED WITH TSB
NOON NOVEMBER 12 IN TEXT IDENTICAL WITH INSTRUCTIONS
(REF C) AND TIMING OF SUBMISSION COORDINATED WITH MIZOGUCHI.
MIZOGUCHI MADE SEPARATE RPT SEPARATE SUBMISSION OF SAME
TEXT.

2. DUE FACT WURTH DID NOT ARRIVE GENEVA UNTIL AFTERNOON
NOVEMBER 11TH, US REP DID NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS
SUBMISSION WITH CHAIRMAN UNTIL 5:30 PM NOVEMBER 11.

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AS ANTICIPATED (REF C), CHAIRMAN'S REACTION TO STATEMENT

WAS DECIDELY NEGATIVE. HE INFORMED MIZOGUCHI EVENING NOV 11 THAT STATEMENT WAS "UNACCEPTABLE" BUT AFTER MIZOGUCHI TOLD CHAIRMAN THAT NEGATIVE REACTION FROM TSB WAS NECESSARY BEFORE HE COULD GET AUTHORITY MAKE "REASONED STATEMENT " FROM GOJ, CHAIRMAN AGREED CONVEY US AND JAPANESE STATEMENTS TO TSB WHICH WILL BE DONE AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 12. FYI, MIZOGUCHI AND US REP IN FULL AGREEMENT THAT STATEMENT IS TOTALLY UNADEQUATE VIS-A-VIS TSB-AGREED FORMAT FOR NOTIFICATIONS (SEE COM TEX/SB/35 PARA 4 REF C). FURTHER, IT IS FIRM INTENTION JAPANESE MISSION HERE, HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM TOKYO COME GENEVA TO ANSWER TSB QUESTIONS ON THIS AGREEMENT IF TSB NOT SATISFIED WITH STATEMENT WHICH IT WILL NOT RPT NOT BE. US REP THINKS THIS VERY BAD PRECEDENT AND, FOR THAT REASON, MADE COMMENTS PARA 4 REF B. END FYI.

3. AS PER REF D, MIZOGUCHI AND PHELAN MADE "PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATIONS" LASTWEEK OF OCTOBER WHICH NOTIFICATIONS, INTER ALIA, PROMISED " SHORT REASONED STATMENTS" AS PER COM. TEX/SB/35. THE STATEMENT WE HAVE NOW SUPPLIED WILL NOT RPT NOT MEET EVEN A MINIMUM STANDARD OF "REASONING" WHICH IS ALL THAT IS NECESSARY -US REP AND MIZOGUCHI BOTH OF OPINION THAT STATEMENT MAY BE INTERPRETED BY SEOME ELEMENTS IN TSB AS ARROGANT ACT BY TWO SUPER ECONOMIC POWERS WITH LITTLE RESPECT FOR TSB INTERGITY. ALL THAT WAS AND IS NECESSARY IS "SHORT FACTUAL" STATEMENT OF MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT RELATED TO REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 4. THIS IS ALL THAT WAS INCLUDED IN US-HONG KONG STATEMENT ALSO SUBMITTED TO TSB NOON NOVEMBER 12. PURSUANT TO TELEGRAPHIC EXCHANGE WITH CONGEN HONG KONG (HONG KONG 12240 AND GENEVA 6859) ALL REFERENCES TO HONG KONG EXPORT PERFORMANCE WERE DELETED IN FINAL SUBMISSION. REST OF TEXT WAS SUBMITTED AND US REP EXPECTS THAT THIS MINIMAL SUBMISSION (PURELY FACTUAL) WILL BE ACCEPTED BY TSB AS MODEL SUBMISSION.

4. US REP REGRETS LATE RECEIPT REF A MADE IMPOSSIBLE TELEPHONIC CONSULTATIONS WITH JURICH BEFORE SUBMISSION HONG KONG STATEMENT.DALE

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